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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA CONFIRMS PARTICIPATION IN THE 4TH  
COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES MINISTERIAL

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Deputy Chief of Mission and ECON Chief delivered reftel  
demarche to Foreign Secretary Palitha Kohona on November 1.  
Kohona said that Sri Lanka will attend the Bamako  
Ministerial. He added that the GSL would not be able to send  
a minister as head of delegation because the dates coincide  
with Sri Lanka's annual budget vote in Parliament. He noted  
that Sri Lanka has so far played an important role in the  
Community of Democracies and expressed the GSL's willingness  
to do "whatever we can do to encourage other countries to do  
the right thing democracy-wise." Sri Lankan initiatives at  
the ministerial meeting, if any, may focus on the topic  
"protecting democratic institutions against terrorism."  
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